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The following is a translation of a Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) document issued by the Van Lam District Administrative and Resistance Committee, urging the population to counteract the influence of rural dispensarists sent out by the Franco-Vietnamese.

1. The Rebel Government has given instructions to the villages to select two educated persons to be trained as dispensarists. The enemy promoted such a program with the following aims:
  - a. They will establish rural dispensaries in order to deceive and lure the people and win them over, and chiefly to make publicity for American aid. With social activities as a cover, these dispensaries will actually be utilized as espionage nets and reactionary centers as already implemented in certain areas.
  - b. They will try to win over the dispensarists and rally them as co-operative agents.
2. We will urge the young people not to attend their training courses. The villages will claim not to have enough educated people so that they will not be able to select the trainees.
3. Village committees will promote popular medical activities. People who know how will give injections to the sick who will buy their own medicines, or the committees will buy medicines and give injections to the people at moderate prices. Profiteers who charge 30 or 40 Bank of Indochina piasters for one injection will be forbidden to give injections; otherwise it would have a very bad effect on the population. Active anti-propaganda will be carried out to make the people understand the enemy's evil designs. The enemy has no compassion for the people. They are just trying to decoy the people, either to utilize them or to kill them.

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4. In Viet Hung village, they gave injections to the young people that made them blind. In Ha Dong they pretended to give tonic injections to the people while they actually took their blood for transfusion to their wounded officers. In An Thi village, they sent midwives from a reactionary Catholic village to other villages for drugs distribution, but their actual mission was to make propaganda in order to separate the people, and to carry out intelligence activities.
5. There are also several other methods usually practiced by the enemy. The enemy has to establish rural dispensaries because so far they have been unable to fool the people with promises. Therefore, they have to lure the people with something concrete this time. But they are wrong. These instructions have been carefully studied by the Administrative and Resistance Committees of various villages. The local authorities are invited to explain to the people about the enemy's designs, and urge them to use the advocated methods to counteract the enemy's evil plans.
6. In case of obligation, agents of ours should be selected as trainees, so that the enemy is unable to utilize them. The dispensarists, being our agents, will be able to turn the enemy's propaganda to our advantage. You are requested to follow up this matter and report to us regularly. We hope that you will carry out these instructions satisfactorily.

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